

MONDAY, FEB. 18, 1851.

RIVER AND STEAMBOAT MATTERS.

We did not venture to make any prediction on the weather and the river in Saturday's paper. On Friday night and Saturday morning it rained hard, but the water was still rising. The Leavenworth Herald of the 9th says at which it was determined, as an effect, induced to the State agents sent abroad, to send ships to the South and barge and barge. The thermometer yesterday morning stood at 10 degrees above zero. During the day it thawed but little, and last night it was again freezing hard.

The river rose upwards of two feet from Friday morning, when it commenced falling, so that by Saturday morning it had reached six inches above its level. The ice was broken up, and the large field of ice, which from the very first was the chief obstacle to navigation, was now gone. The river was still rising, but that portion close to the center of the wharf or the narrow island remains firm. The gorge in the Narrows, below Portland, has not yet given a passage.

An article in the *Tribune* says: "The Tonga has been captured by the Indians, and she has been destroyed."

The Pacific left Liverpool on the 23d ult.

She had consequently been out from that port ten days when the Niagara sailed, and had she turned back should have made port in time. She has been out to the present time twenty-six days, which is nearly ample time for her to make the voyage under canvas. She had coal twenty-five days.

The Pacific, which left Liverpool three days after the Pacific, reported having encountered icebergs, and her paddles were damaged by them. In connection with this, it is stated that Capt. Niya, formerly commander of the Pacific, has given it as his opinion that she became entangled in the ice, and was unable to extricate herself, but there was reason to fear from evidence.

Nevertheless, the Pacific may yet be safe. We published a list of her passengers on Friday.

H. C. Sheldon, Mr. Wilson, A. W. Atwater, Wm. M. Dougall, Panchet, and Baby, G. N. Culver, Mr. R. H. Haight, H. Gele, Mr. Stover, J. E. Williams, Mr. D. L. Moore, Mr. A. K. Carter, Hoff, Carroll, O'Rourke, M. S. Chastenier, Mrs. W. C. Moore, Miss J. A. Ross, Mr. Peale, Mr. Riley, Trimmer, Mr. H. C. Eppe, Laffin, Mr. G. Jones, Mr. W. C. Moore, Mr. A. C. Moore, Mr. Moore, Wilson, Le Grand Smith, and Miss C. Moore. The Pacific is of the Collins line.

P. S. The dispatch came in cipher, and as the gentleman who transcribes it and who has the key of the cipher is out of town it could not be furnished. Parliament had met and the Queen's speech made no allusion to the United States. The peace conference had not yet met.

MESSRS. STRICKLAND and LORIMER will give a public examination of their electrical class at the Walnut street Baptist Church this evening. Mr. Strickland will deliver an address on the importance of education prior to the examination.

We are indebted to Mr. Kempl, who came to Cairo on the steamer Trahern and from thence by railroad to this city, for New Orleans papers to the evening of the 9th, Memphis papers of Wednesday, and St. Louis papers of Friday.

DAMAGE TO THE CUT-OFF.—We learn that the ice in Beargrass has damaged the abutments where the cut-off connects to the amount of \$1,500.

The new city charter has been passed by the council and will be submitted to a vote of the citizens on Saturday next. It will be published.

AUCTION SALE OF SEATS.—It appears that the suggestion which appeared in our paper of Saturday was adopted by the Committee. The choice of seats at the Theatre, for to-morrow evening, will be sold this morning at the Merchant's Exchange, commencing at 10 o'clock. From current rumors which are not in the column, it is evident that the sale of a seat of ready money will be made.

Mr. Samuel Hyman has with considerable liberality volunteered to officiate gratuitously on this occasion. A diagram of the house will be exhibited and the choice of seats will be sold to the highest bidder.

There will be a meeting this evening at the Merchant's Exchange, to which, not only the members of the Chamber of Commerce, but the merchants of Louisville, are especially invited. Mr. Joseph Coply, who is the accredited agent of the Pittsburgh Board of Trade, will detail a plan for the slack water navigation of the Ohio, which has been well matured, and is well calculated to meet the wants of the State. Other subjects of especial interest to the Chamber of Commerce will also be discussed. It is earnestly hoped that the attendance will be commensurate with the interest of the subjects to be considered.

BOLLES EXPLOSION.—FOUR PERSONS KILLED.—A little after 7 o'clock this morning one of the boilers used in the Louisville Paper Mill exploded, killing four persons and wounding two others. The boiler is in the rear of the mill and covered by a shed. The dust was lifted up and fell against one of the walls, making a large hole in it. The engine was broken to pieces. Some of the brick from the building were thrown a great distance, but did not damage anything.

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